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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Report of the Third Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council".

2. At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to allocate to the Third Committee chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/51/3 (Parts I, II and III))[1] that were to be considered under the relevant items of the agenda (see A/C.3/51/1).

3. The Third Committee considered the item at its 57th meeting, on 29 November 1996. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the summary record of the meeting (A/C.3/51/SR.57).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Economic and Social Council for the year 1996 (A/51/3 (Parts I, II and III)).

[1] To be issued in final form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/51/3/Rev.1).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Organization of work of the Third Committee and draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1997-1998

5. At the 57th meeting, on 29 November, the representative of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development introduced the note by the Secretariat (A/C.3/51/L.72) entitled "Organization of work of the Third Committee and draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1997-1998" (see A/C.3/51/SR.57).

6. At the same meeting, statements were made and questions raised by the representatives of El Salvador, Peru, the Philippines, Costa Rica (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), Morocco, the United States of America, the Sudan, Namibia, the Netherlands, China, Australia, Norway, Nigeria, Zambia, Ghana, France and the Islamic Republic of Iran. The Secretary of the Committee and the representative of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development responded to the questions raised.

7. With regard to the topic "Culture of peace", it was noted that, in accordance with draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.60, as recommended by the Committee, consideration of the question should continue at the fifty-second session under the appropriate agenda item. Several delegations indicated that it was their intention to recommend that the Assembly at its fifty-second session consider the topic and the report of the Secretary-General requested in the draft resolution under a separate agenda item. Divergent views were expressed during the discussion of the question.

8. Also at the 57th meeting, the Committee decided to request that the Secretary-General submit to the Assembly at its fifty-second session a report on the activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People under the appropriate agenda item (see para. 12, draft decision I).

9. At the same meeting, the Committee expressed its deep concern about the lateness of documentation and, in particular, the documents emanating from the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat. It emphasized that timely distribution of documents in all official languages should be scrupulously observed, and recalled that pre-session documentation should be issued, in accordance with the directives of the Assembly, no less than six weeks before meetings.

10. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the organization of work and draft biennial programme of work for 1997-1998, as orally revised (see para. 12, draft decision II).

B. Report of the Economic and Social Council

11. At the 57th meeting, on 29 November, on the proposal of the Chairperson, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of

the relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council (see para. 12, draft decision III).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

12. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 49/214 of 23 December 1994 on the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, requests the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fifty-second session a report on the programme of activities of the Decade, under the appropriate agenda item.

DRAFT DECISION II

The General Assembly, pursuant to its resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990, 46/140 of 17 December 1991 and 50/227 of 24 May 1996, approves the organization of work of the Third Committee and the biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1997-1998, as contained in annexes I and II to the present decision.

ANNEX I

Organization of work of the Third Committee

A. GUIDELINES CONCERNING TIME LIMITS OF STATEMENTS

1. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly, at the beginning of each session, the Chairman of the Third Committee should propose to the Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers.

2. Further to General Assembly resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990, 46/140 of 17 December 1991 and 50/227 of 24 May 1996, on the rationalization of work of the Third Committee, statements made by individual delegations and by members of the United Nations Secretariat, specialized agencies and others on single agenda items or sub-items should not exceed seven minutes; statements made by individual delegations on more than one agenda item or sub-item should not exceed 10 minutes; and statements on behalf of groups of delegations should not exceed 15 minutes, unless decided otherwise by the Committee at the beginning of the session. Statements on the agenda item entitled "Human rights" (sub-items (b), (c), (d) and (e)) should be limited as follows: (a) statements given on one sub-item would be limited to seven minutes; (b) statements on two sub-items would be limited to 10 minutes; (c) statements by individual delegations on all four sub-items would be limited to 15 minutes; and

(d) statements by groups of delegations on the item as a whole would be limited to 25 minutes. These time limits will be applied with a degree of flexibility towards all speakers.

B. TIMELY CIRCULATION OF DOCUMENTATION

3. In this connection, it is important to emphasize the necessity of the timely distribution of documentation in all official languages of the United Nations in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. The unavailability of documentation in all official languages and its late circulation to members of the Third Committee severely hampers the smooth running of the Committee's programme of work.

C. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON REPORTS OF TREATY BODIES AND REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE STATUS OF THE TREATIES

4. Reports of all treaty bodies will be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with their respective legislative mandates. Substantive resolutions on those reports should be adopted biennially, in accordance with the programme of work of the Third Committee. Where possible, it is recommended that separate draft resolutions on the status of the treaties should not be submitted but should be incorporated in the draft resolution relating to the report of the treaty body. In alternate years, the Committee should simply take note of the reports unless more substantive action is deemed appropriate.

D. DRAFT PROPOSALS EMANATING FROM SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

5. The Economic and Social Council, in transmitting draft proposals to the General Assembly, should, to the extent possible, bear in mind the programme of work of the Third Committee.

E. PROGRAMME OF WORK

6. An informal meeting of the Third Committee should be held immediately after the election of the members of its Bureau in order to consider the programme of work of the Committee based on a draft to be prepared by the Secretariat and to consider other organizational aspects relating to the Committee's work, especially the status of documentation.

7. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the fifty-second session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:

Item 2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Item 3. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Item 4. International drug control

Item 5. Advancement of women

Item 6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Item 7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Item 8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Item 9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Item 10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination[2]

Item 11. Right of peoples to self-determination[2]

Item 12. Human rights questions[3, 4]

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

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[2] Items 10 and 11 are to be considered jointly. Delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

[3] Sub-item (a) is to be considered separately; sub-items (b), (c), (d) and (e) are to be considered jointly.

[4] Delegations may make one statement under sub-item (a) and two statements under sub-items (b), (c), (d) and (e), but should not make two statements on any one sub-item.

8. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee, in particular in the light of the status of documentation at that time.

F. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

9. In drawing up draft resolutions, delegations are requested to adhere to the programme of work of the Third Committee reproduced below.

10. Delegations are invited to take into account the general guidelines agreed upon in General Assembly resolutions 45/175 and 46/140 regarding the submission of proposals and as set out below:[5]

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Annual

World social situation[6]

Biennial

Implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and of the World Programme of Action concerning

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[5] References to "odd" and "even" years are to calendar years.

[6] 1997 - Report on the world social situation and report of the Commission for Social Development.

1998 - General debate on the basis of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

1999 - Interim report on the world social situation and report of the Commission for Social Development.

2000 - General debate on the basis of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

Disabled Persons and the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action Concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond (odd years)

Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, the International Year of Older Persons (1999) and related activities (odd years)

Implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (odd years)

Policies and programmes involving youth (odd years)

Implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future (odd years)

International Year of the Family (odd years)

Cooperation to achieve education for all (1997)

Triennial

Role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends (1999)

Quinquennial

Anniversary of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development (1999)

Item 3. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Annual

Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime (1997)

Biennial

International cooperation in combating organized crime (even years)

Quinquennial

United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (2000)

Item 4. International drug control

Annual

Implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances; international action to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking; respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking; United Nations International Drug Control Programme; measures to strengthen international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related matters

Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly in 1998 on international action to combat drug abuse and illicit production and trafficking (1997)

Biennial

Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (even years)

Item 5. Advancement of women

Annual

Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat

Violence against women migrant workers

Traffic in women and girls

Biennial

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (even years)

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (odd years)

United Nations Development Fund for Women (odd years)

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (odd years)

Item 6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Annual

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace

Item 7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Annual

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (1997)

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (1997)

Biennial

New international humanitarian order (even years)

Quinquennial

Extension of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (1997)

Item 8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Annual

Prevention and eradication of the sale of children, and of their sexual exploitation, including child prostitution and child pornography; protection of children affected by armed conflicts; the girl child; refugees and internally displaced persons; elimination of the exploitation of child labour; plight of street children

Biennial

Convention on the Rights of the Child (even years)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (even years)

Item 9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Annual

International Decade of the World's Indigenous People: United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

Item 10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Annual

Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

Financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Biennial

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Item 11. Right of peoples to self-determination

Annual

Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means to violate human rights and to impede the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (to be considered biennially after the entry into force of the International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries)

Item 12. Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Annual

Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (biennially after the entry into force of the Convention)

Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1997 and 1998)

Biennial

Report of the Committee against Torture and status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (even years)

Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (even years)

International Covenants on Human Rights (odd years)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Annual

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Right to development

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Human rights and terrorism

Strengthening of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights/Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat

Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities

Strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity

United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education and public information activities in the field of human rights

Strengthening of the rule of law

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (1997)

Culture of peace (1997)

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures (1997)

Biennial

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (even years)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (even years)

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (even years)

Human rights and extreme poverty (even years)

Follow-up to the United Nations Year for Tolerance (even years)

Human rights and mass exoduses (odd years)

Human rights in the administration of justice (odd years)

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (odd years)

Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections (odd years)

Human rights and scientific and technological progress (odd years)

National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (odd years)

Quinquennial

Award of human rights prizes

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Annual

Implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Annual

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

ANNEX II

Biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 1997-1998

1997[7]

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family[8]

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation (resolution 44/56)[9]

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[7] The programme of work and documentation for 1997 will be revised in the light of the relevant decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council in 1997.

[8] Report on the world social situation and report of the Commission for Social Development.

[9] Submitted to the Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

Report of the Secretary-General containing the third review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, including information on progress of efforts to ensure the equalization of opportunities and full inclusion of persons with disabilities in the various bodies of the United Nations system and on the development of global disability indicators (resolutions 37/52, 48/95 and 50/144)

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the observance of the International Year of Older Persons (resolution 50/141)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made on the follow-up to the International Year of the Family (resolution 50/142)[9]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation process of the education for all objectives, including the recommendations of the International Consultative Forum on Education for All (resolution 50/143)[9]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (resolution 50/81)[9]

Item 3. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including the information requested in draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.10 on the question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.6)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.8)

Item 4. International drug control

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including the information requested in draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.9 on progress in preparations for the special session of the General Assembly to be held in 1998

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action (resolution 47/100 and draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.9)

Item 5. Advancement of women

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180)[9]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolution 45/124)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 50/165 on improvement of the situation of women in rural areas[9]

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (resolution 50/163)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.17/Rev.1 on violence against women migrant workers

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.18/Rev.1 on traffic in women and girls

Report of the Secretary-General on improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.19)

Item 6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (resolution 50/203 and draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.29)[9]

Item 7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of

Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.12/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.13/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.15/Rev.1 on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors

Item 8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on the impact of armed conflict on children (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.37, para. 37)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.37, para. 80)

Report of the Secretary-General on the rights of the child, including information on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the problems of exploitation of child labour, its causes and consequences (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.37, para. 81)

Item 9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (decision 51/__)

Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on activities of the United Nations system in relation to the Decade (resolution 50/157)

Item 10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including the information requested in draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.27/Rev.1

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (resolution 3380 (XXX))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.23/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.24)

Report of the Secretary-General containing proposals to supplement the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.27/Rev.1)

Item 11. Right of peoples to self-determination

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the question of the use of mercenaries (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.26)

Report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.28)

Item 12. Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (resolution 2200 A (XXI))°

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (resolution 36/151)

Report of the Committee against Torture (resolution 39/46, annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenants on Human Rights (50/171)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.32)

Report of the Secretary-General on ensuring financing and adequate staff and resources for the operations of the human rights treaty bodies (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.34/Rev.1, para. 3 (c))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the meeting of persons chairing human rights treaty bodies (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.34/Rev.1, para. 25)

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.34/Rev.1, para. 26)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

State of preparations for the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.35/Rev.1)

Strengthening of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights/Centre for Human Rights (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.39/Rev.1)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (resolution 50/176)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights in the administration of justice (resolution 50/181)

Report of the Secretary-General on the programmatic, institutional, administrative, financial and managerial efforts instituted to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to avert new flows of refugees and to tackle the root causes of such outflows (resolution 50/182)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolutions 49/190 and 50/185 on strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization

Report of the Secretary-General on the possible establishment of a United Nations voluntary fund for victims of terrorism (resolution 50/186)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.45 on the effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.47)

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the rule of law (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.52)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.57 on the right to development, including information on the activities of the bodies of the United Nations system on the implementation of the Declaration of the Right to Development and obstacles to the realization of the right to development

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.60 on a culture of peace

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.65 on human rights and unilateral coercive measures

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education and public information activities in the field of human rights (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.70/Rev.1)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (resolution 50/172)

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.36)

Strengthening of United Nations activities in the human rights field through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.71/Rev.1)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of internally displaced persons (Council decision 1995/273)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.53/Rev.1 on the situation of human rights in Nigeria

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the programme of technical cooperation with the Government of Haiti (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.55)

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Centre for Human Rights in assisting the Government and people of Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.56)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Kosovo (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.59)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the activities of the Human Rights Field Operation in Rwanda (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.64/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.66 on rape and abuse of women in areas of armed conflict in the former Yugoslavia

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.69)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Situation of human rights in Iraq (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.40)

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.41/Rev.1)

Situation of human rights in Afghanistan (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.49)

Situation of human rights in the Sudan (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.61)

Situation of human rights in Cuba (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.63)

Situation of human rights in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.68)

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 48/121)

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Report of the High Commissioner (resolution 48/141)[9]

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 3. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 4. International drug control

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action (resolution 47/100 and draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.9)

Report of the Secretary-General containing the biennial update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (resolution 48/112, sect. IV)[9]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.9, sect. VII)

Item 5. Advancement of women

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180)[9]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolution 45/124 and draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.21)

Item 6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (resolution 50/203 and draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.29)*

Item 7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Report of the Secretary-General on a new international humanitarian order (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.16)

Item 8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (resolution 44/25, annex)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on the impact of armed conflict on children (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.37, para. 37)

Item 9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Documentation

Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the activities of the United Nations system in relation to the Decade (resolution 50/157)

Item 10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (resolution 3380 (XXX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX) and draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.24)

Item 11. Right of peoples to self-determination

Item 12. Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (resolution 2200 A (XXI))[5]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (resolution 260 A (III))

Report of the Secretary-General on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (resolution 36/151 and draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.33)

Report of the Committee against Torture (resolution 39/46, annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.33)

Question for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.35/Rev.1)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the question of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.46)

Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.48)

Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.62)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of United Nations actions in the human rights field through the promotion of international

cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.71/Rev.1)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Follow-up to the United Nations Year for Tolerance (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.50)

Human rights and extreme poverty (draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.54)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 48/121)

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Documentation

Report of the High Commissioner (resolution 48/141)"

DRAFT DECISION III

The General Assembly takes note of chapters I to IV, V (sections A and E) and VII of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[10]

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[10] A/51/3 (Parts I and II); to be issued in final form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/51/3/Rev.1).